

Teachers! Take Note!

Judging and Prizes

Works of art will be evaluated and selected based on artistic merit, content including relevance to chosen theme, and originality. Teachers of winners will be notified on June 8, 2017.

Four prizes will be awarded in each category. Each winner will receive a copy of their art, and an award certificate. Winners in categories 1-3 will receive two tickets for a boat ride on a Padelford boat and two tickets to the Science Museum of Minnesota, including the Omni Theater. Winners in category 4 will receive 2 tickets for a boat ride on the Minneapolis Queen and 2 tickets to Mill City Museum.

One winner in each category will be selected and recognized as a grand prize winner.

The teacher of the Big River Journey (BRJ) category grand prize winner will receive a free BRJ trip for up to 30 students. Teachers of grand prize winners in Mighty Mississippi and Caring for the River categories will each receive free trip (not BRJ, up to 30 students) on a Padelford Packet boat during the 2015-16 school year. The teacher of the grand prize winner in the Journey to the Falls category will receive a free JTF trip for up to 30 students and two tickets for a brunch cruise on the Minneapolis Queen.

Winning Art

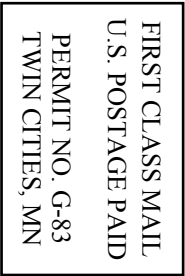
Artwork submitted becomes the property of the National Park Service. Artwork will not be returned. Non-winning entries may be picked up by calling 651-293-8414 to make arrangements before July 31, 2017.

Sponsors

The Big River Art Contest is sponsored by the Mississippi Park Connection, the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, Padelford Packet Boat Company, Science Museum of Minnesota, Minneapolis Queen, Minnesota Historical Society—Mill City Museum, and Big River Journey/Journey to the Falls partners.



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Big River Art Contest 2017

Connecting students to the science, heritage, and
stewardship of the Mississippi River since 1998



Artist: James Corley, Trout, LA

Open to all students, grades 3-6

Entry deadline: June 7, 2017

Big River Art Contest

Five Important Rules

1. Entrants must be in grades 3,4,5,6. Each student may submit one work of art.
2. Choose one of the following categories:
 - The Mighty Mississippi
 - Caring for the River
 - Big River Journey (field trip participants only)
 - Journey to the Falls (field trip participants only)
3. All entries must be original, on 11" x 17" paper, flat and labeled on back side.
4. Artwork may be created using any of the following: pastels, crayon, watercolor, paint, colored pencil, marker, printmaking or flat collage. Original verse or a stewardship message may be included as part of the artwork.
5. Clearly print, on the back of the artwork:
 - Student's name, grade, home address, phone # and email
 - School's name and address
 - Teachers name, email, phone #
 - Category theme

**Art must be received at NPS by 4:30pm
Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

Teachers should submit packets of entries to:
Art Contest
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
111 East Kellogg Blvd., Suite 105, St. Paul, MN 55101

Ideas to get you started

1) The Mighty Mississippi

This is about the Mississippi River- its wildlife, scenery, recreation, history, commerce and its relationship to you. Subject possibilities include:

- Exploring the river with friends, canoeing, fishing, hiking, biking, or watching the river
- The river as a home for animals- frogs, fish, mussels, beaver, deer, turtles. Add a poem about the animal
- Birds, bird watching or the Mississippi River as a flyway
- Fish, fishing (idea: draw a fish in its habitat)
- Aquatic insects (idea: show how they are part of the food chain)
- Towboats and barges, lumber and flour milling
- Past cultures along the river

2) Caring for the River

Here are some message and picture ideas:

- Drink Water? Care for the river, our water source!
- Your street flows to the river
- Show how YOU keep the river clean
- Leave no pollution- ride a bike, turn off lights, reuse, recycle, do a clean-up with friends
- Do you like wildlife? Save its habitat!
- Plant native trees and plants
- Pick up litter and pet waste. Keep our river Clean!

3) Big River Journey Field Trip (BRJ)

4) Journey to the Falls Field Trip (JTF)

Categories 3 & 4 are about what you did, learned or saw as part of Big River Journey or Journey to the Falls.

- What did you see or do at Fort Snelling State Park?
- What did you see or do at Mill Ruins Park, at the archaeological dig or at the lock and dam?
- Draw the boat; include yourself and your friends watching birds, animals, the shore, other boats.
- What will you remember most from your field trip?